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SUBJ: CALLAGHAN VISIT TO ITALY

1. SUMMARY: UK PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN PAID OFFICIAL VISIT
TO ROME SEPTEMBER 22-23. IN MEETINGS WITH PRIME
MINISTER ANDREOTTI, FOCUS WAS ON COMMON PROBLEM OF DOESTIC
ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, WITH PARTICULAR STRESS ON YOUTH
UNEMPLOYMENT, BUT OTHER TOPICS OF MULTILATERAL INTEREST
WERE ALSO DISCUSSED. CALLAGHEN, WHO MET ALSO WITH LABOR
LEADERS AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS AS WELL AS POPE
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(SEPTEL), SPENT WEEKEND IN THE ABRUZZI AS GUEST ANDREOTTI
BEFORE DEPARTING FOR LONDON SEPTEMBER 25. END SUMMARY.

2. MFA DIRECTOR FOR NORTH AMERICAN AND WESTERN EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS (MANNO) BRIEFED EMBOFF ON DUSCUSSIONS DURING
EXPANDED PORTION OF MEETING (THE TWO PRIME MINISTERS MET
ALONE FIRST) AND SAID THAT FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE COVERED:

3. DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: CALLAGHAN PLEDGED TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ENABLE UK TO PARTICIPATE IN DIRECT ELECTIONS NEXT SPRING. ANDREOTTI REITERATED GOI HOPE THAT ALL NINE EC MEMBERS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE.

4. EAST-WEST RELATIONS: CALLAGHAN TOLD ANDREOTTI THAT HE THOUGHT EAST-WEST RELATIONS ARE BETTER NOW THAN FEW MONTHS AGO AND SAID HIS EARLIER FEARS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT US-USSR RELATIONS HAD FORTUNATELY NOT BEEN REALIZED.

5. SOMALIA/KENYA: CALLAGHAN ASKED THE ITALIANS TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO THE SOMALIS THAT THE UK WOULD NOT COUNTENANCE ANY VIOLATION OF KENYAN TERRITORY. ANDREOTTI PROMISED TO DO WHAT HE WOULD, BUT POINTED OUT THAT ITALIAN INFLUENCE WITH SOMALIS IS NOT WHAT IT ONCE WAS.

6. RHODESIA: CALLAGHAN BRIEFED ANDREOTTI ON PROGRESS TOWARD ACCEPTANCE OF US-UK PROPOSALS ON A RHODESIA SETTLEMENT. HE SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF CALLAGHAN-BREZHNEV EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, BRITISH ARE HOPEFUL THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH PROPOSAL IF FIVE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ACCEPT IT. ANDREOTTI REITERATED ITALIAN CONFIDENTIAL

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SUPPORT FOR BRITISH-AMERICAN EFFORTS.

7. COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN: CALLAGHAN TOLD ANDREOTTI THAT THE BRITISH FOUND THE SOVIET TO BE "BUSINESSLIKE" IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS, BUT DO NOT EXPECT SOVIETS TO MAKE ANY FINAL AGREEMENTS OF THIS TYPE WITHOUT FRENCH AND CHINESE PARTICIPATION.

8. MALTA: ANDREOTTI BROUGHT CALLAGHAN UP TO DATE ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH MINTOFF. CALLAGHAN CONFIRMED THAT BRITISH HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING CONTRIBUTION TO MALTA AFTER 1979. GARDNER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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